



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1216

LCO No. 3968

Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ZONING REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENCES
FOR CHILDREN WITH MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 8-3e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
2 substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) No zoning regulation shall treat the following in a manner
4 different from any single family residence: (1) any community
5 residence which houses six or fewer mentally retarded persons and
6 necessary staff persons and which is licensed under the provisions of
7 section 17a-227, [in a manner different from any single family
8 residence] or (2) any child-care residential facility which houses six or
9 fewer children with mental or physical disabilities and necessary staff
10 persons which is licensed under sections 17a-145 to 17a-151, inclusive.

11 (b) Any resident of a municipality in which such a community
12 residence or child-care residential facility is located may, with the
13 approval of the legislative body of such municipality, petition (1) the
14 Commissioner of Mental Retardation to revoke the license of such
15 community residence on the grounds that such community residence

16 is not in compliance with the provisions of any statute or regulation
17 concerning the operation of such residences, or (2) the Commissioner
18 of Children and Families to revoke the license of such child-care
19 residential facility on the grounds that such child-care residential
20 facility is not in compliance with the provision of any statute or
21 regulation concerning the operation of such child-care residential
22 facility.

Statement of Purpose:

To modify zoning requirements for residences for children with mental or physical disabilities to make them comparable to zoning requirements for residences for mentally retarded persons.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]